Information Assurance Test and Evaluation Process: An ATEC Perspective

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Agenda

- Purpose
- Information Assurance Policy
- Net-Readiness
- DIACAP – The Army Way
- DOT&E Policy
- Testing for Information Assurance Methodology
- IA Issues

Purpose

- Provide information about the current ATEC methodology for conducting Information Assurance (IA) assessments
- Describe challenges to correctly characterizing system IA capabilities

Information Assurance Policies

Public Law 107-347 – Agencies identify & provide information security protection

DoDD 8500.1 – IA requirements included in all aspects of DoD information systems

DoDI 8500.2 – Provides baseline IA controls for DoD information systems

DoD CIO Memorandum, DIACAP – Requires DoD to certify   and accredit information systems

CJCSI 6212.01 – Requires Joint IT and NSS to be IA compliant

AR 25-1 – Establishes the Army IA program for infrastructure, networks and systems

AR 25-2 – Implementation guidance for the Army IA program

DA CIO/G-6 Memorandum – Army implementation of DIACAP

Protect, Detect, React & Restore

Net-Readiness

- NR-KPP consists of **verifiable performance measures and metrics** used **to assess** … **information assurance**, and net-ready attributes required for both the technical exchange of information and the end-to-end operational effectiveness of that exchange

- Four NR-KPP elements include: compliance with …, and verification of compliance with DOD information assurance requirements

- IA policies and processes **apply to the entire lifecycle** of IT and NSS

- Threshold criteria - Information assurance requirements including **availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and nonrepudiation**, and issuance of an **IATO** by the DAA

- Objective criteria - Information assurance requirements including availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and nonrepudiation, and issuance of an **ATO** by the DAA

DIACAP – Why Transition?

- DITSCAP & Army C/A processes written for stand alone or stove pipe systems

- DODI 8500.2 IA controls not considered

- DAA delegated to the lowest level limits "Big Picture" consideration

- Too many CAs limits consistent assessments

- No qualification requirements for ACAs

- IS deployed with no easily identifiable responsible government owner

Decommission System

5 Decommission
- Retire System

1 Initiate and Plan IA C&A
- Register System with DoD Component IA Program
- Assign IA Controls
- Assemble DIACAP Team
- Initiate DIACAP Implementation Plan

DoD Information Systems
- AIS Applications
- Enclaves
- Platform IT Interconnections
- Outsourced IT-Based Processes

2 Implement and Validate Assigned IA Controls
- Execute DIACAP Implementation Plan
- Conduct Validation Activities
- Compile Validation Results in DIACAP Scorecard

4 Maintain Authority to Operate and Conduct Reviews
- Maintain Situational Awareness (Review of IA Controls must occur at least annually)
- Maintain IA Posture

3 Make Certification Determination & Accreditation Decision
- Make Certification Determination
- Issue Accreditation Decision

DIACAP does not ensure IA; only shows how well system has implemented baseline controls

DOT&E Policy

Step 1
Initial OTA Review

Weapon with/or Information System? — No → End Additional IA assessment

Yes ↓

MAC, CL & IA controls documented — No → TEMP resolution

Yes ↓

Step 2
OTA ST&E & DT&E Review

Unacceptable Residual Risk? — Yes → URR resolution

No: See Note 2 ↓

Step 3
IA Blue Team Assessment

Unacceptable Residual Risk? — Yes → URR resolution

No: See Note 2 ↓

CL=Classified or Sensitive MAC=I or II

No: See Note 1

Yes ↓

Step 4
IA Red Team Assessment

MAC I System? — No

Yes ↓

Step 5
Alternate Site Continuity of Ops

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*Memo, DOTE, Subject: Policy for Operational T&E of IA for Acquisition Systems, 26 November 2006
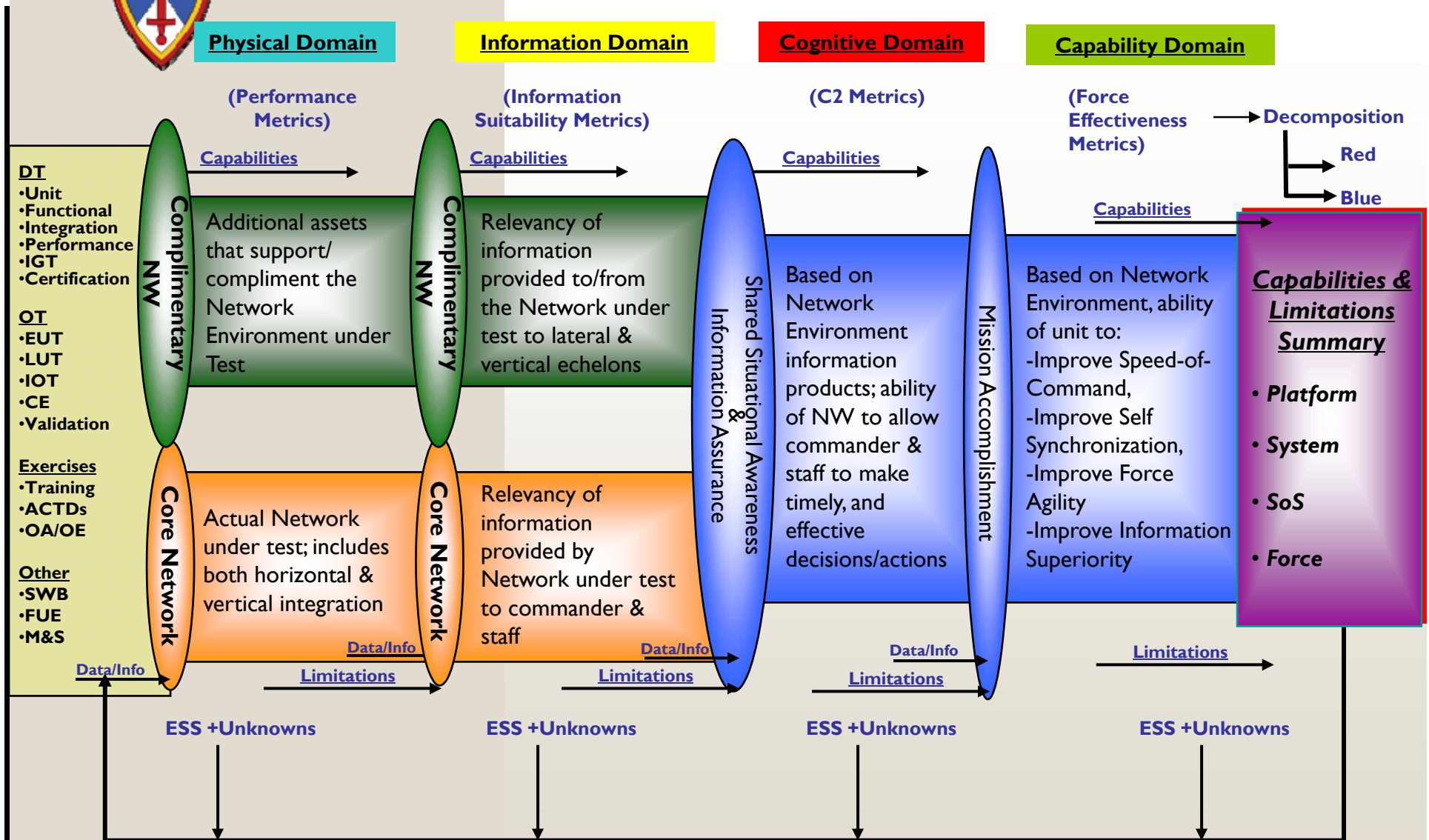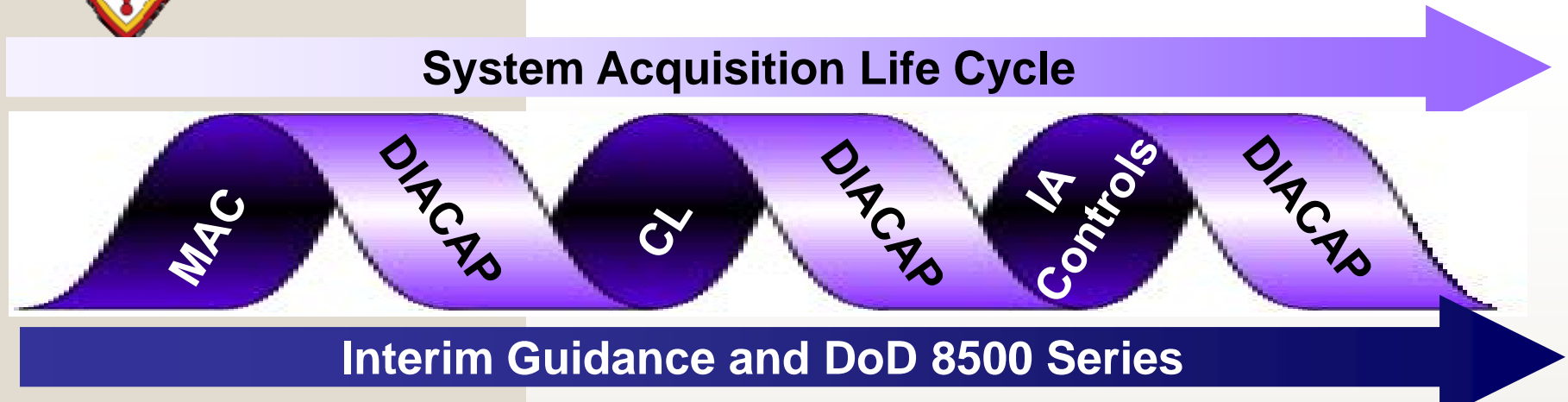
ATEC IA Methodology

Physical Domain	Information Domain	Cognitive Domain	Capability Domain
(Performance Metrics)	(Information Suitability Metrics)	(C2 Metrics)	(Force Effectiveness Metrics)

→ Decomposition

Red

Blue

DT
- Unit
- Functional
- Integration
- Performance
- IGT
- Certification

OT
- EUT
- LUT
- IOT
- CE
- Validation

Exercises
- Training
- ACTDs
- OA/OE

Other
- SWB
- FUE
- M&S

Capabilities

Complimentary NW

Additional assets that support/ compliment the Network Environment under Test

Complimentary NW

Relevancy of information provided to/from the Network under test to lateral & vertical echelons

Shared Situational Awareness & Information Assurance

Based on Network Environment information products; ability of NW to allow commander & staff to make timely, and effective decisions/actions

Mission Accomplishment

Based on Network Environment, ability of unit to:
- Improve Speed-of-Command,
- Improve Self Synchronization,
- Improve Force Agility
- Improve Information Superiority

Capabilities

Capabilities & Limitations Summary

- *Platform*
- *System*
- *SoS*
- *Force*

Core Network

Actual Network under test; includes both horizontal & vertical integration

Core Network

Relevancy of information provided by Network under test to commander & staff

Data/Info

Limitations

ESS +Unknowns   **ESS +Unknowns**   **ESS +Unknowns**   **ESS +Unknowns**

IGT - Independent Government Test; EUT – Early User Test; LUT – Limited User Test; IOT – Initial Operational Test; CE – Continuous Evaluation; ACTD – Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration; OA/OE – Operational Assessment/Operational Evaluation; SWB – Software Blocking; FUE – First Unit Equipped; M&S – Modeling and Simulation; ESS – Effectiveness, Suitability, Survivability; NW – Network; C2 – Command and Control; FoS – Family of Systems; SoS – System of Systems

ATEC IA Methodology

System Acquisition Life Cycle

MAC · DIACAP · CL · DIACAP · IA Controls · DIACAP

Interim Guidance and DoD 8500 Series

ATEC ensures PM documents IA plans and results; ATEC observes PM IA events to understand system C&L, how to test, compliance and readiness for OT

For DIACAP, PM responsible for conducting susceptibility analysis (laboratory/DT) not subject to AR 380-53 - PM will not portray Threat IO

IA OT Entrance Criteria

☑ **MAC and CL documented**

☑ **IA controls implemented**

☑ **DIACAP compliance review**

☑ **DAA approved SSAA (DITSCAP) or DIACAP POA&M, DIP**

☑ **ATO/IATO (before OT)**

☑ J-6 I&S Certification

☑ Other CJCSI 6212.01 compliance requirements met. (i.e. E3, HERO, SAASM, etc.)

ATEC IA Methodology

System Acquisition Life Cycle

EUT — **New Equipment Training (NET)** — **LUT** — **Pilot Test** — **IOT** — **Operational Test**

Training Assessment
- Participates in PM training and provides feedback on the quality of the Information Assurance training.

Susceptibility Assessment
- Conducts susceptibility testing

Data Collection
- Analyzes susceptibility data and assists in determining required fixes prior to OT start

Threat IO/Vulnerability Assessment
- Conducts "comm" checks

Susceptibility Assessment
- Continues to conduct susceptibility testing, if needed

Data Collection
- Observes Threat IO/penetration testing impacts on user and collects data

Threat IO (if IOT/FOC event)
- Conducts Threat IO activities (requires Threat commander and validated threat)

Vulnerability (other OT event)
- Conducts penetration testing

Begin planning and coordination early

IA Issues

- Metrics for determining IA capabilities:

  ❑ Protect - How well does the enterprise, SoS, system defeat attacks / compromises?

  ❑ Detect - How well does the enterprise, SoS, system detect and alert users of attacks / compromises?

  ❑ React - How well does the enterprise, SoS, system react to attacks / compromises?
    - Was the response sufficient?

  ❑ Restore - How well does the enterprise, SoS, system restore information / systems to per-attack / compromise status?

IA Issues

- Methodology for determining the correct balance between information assurance and interoperability

- Are the current IA baseline controls sufficient?

- Best use of M&S

- What is the best way to T&E an enterprise / federation, system-of-system?

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